

House Resolution 14 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter E. Elder III was born on November 26, 1938, in Barrow County,
4 Georgia, the son of the late Ernest and Sadie Hill Elder; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and uncle, a church elder
6 at Chapel Christian Church, and a member of the Georgia Army National Guard; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the Barrow County Board of Commissioners from
8 January, 1997, to the time of his death on February 6, 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated citizen and leader of Barrow County, and he served the
10 citizens well.

11 **PART II**

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Scott has long been recognized by the citizens of DeKalb County for
13 the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
14 of the citizens of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he faithfully represented the citizens of District 43 with utmost dedication and
16 ability as a member of the Senate for eight years during which time he authored SB 372, the
17 Act which made the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a state holiday; and

18 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
19 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his 14
20 years of superlative service as tax commissioner of DeKalb County; and

1 WHEREAS, in his capacity as tax commissioner, he was the epitome of forward thinking and
2 modernization as he reshaped DeKalb's tax office into the most computerized and
3 technologically advanced tax collection agency in this state; and

4 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity on complex social and
5 political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes to build coalitions and
6 consensus, functioning as the glue holding DeKalb County together in the face of divisive
7 forces, received the approval and applause of his peers who held him in such high regard;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
10 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
11 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his beloved wife, Jacquie, for 37 years, the devoted
13 father of John-Thomas, Christopher, and Susannah, and grandfather of Parker; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with a reputation for integrity,
15 intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that an interchange
16 should be named in his honor.

17 **PART III**

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Edgar Stamey was well known and well respected in the Batesville
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS, after spending his whole life in the Batesville area, he passed away in the fall
21 of 2003; and

22 WHEREAS, he spent much of his time working as the caretaker of the Baptist church
23 cemetery, and he also owned and operated the Batesville General Store; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Stamey and his wife helped to establish the Batesville Fire Department, and
25 at the age of 70, he was the oldest person in the State of Georgia to earn firefighter
26 certification; and

27 WHEREAS, he was the chaplain of the Batesville Fire Department from 1985 until his
28 retirement in 1992; and

1 WHEREAS, this outstanding citizen lived a life of service to his church and his community
2 and showed the way for others to give back to the communities in which they lived.

3 **PART IV**

4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA
5 that the interchange of Georgia Highway 8 and Midland Avenue in Barrow County is hereby
6 dedicated as the Walter E. "Eddie" Elder Interchange in honor of the memory of this
7 distinguished Georgian.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange located at the intersection of Memorial
9 Drive and I-285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Tom Scott Interchange.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of SR 255 and SR 197 in Habersham
11 County is dedicated as the Edgar Stamey Memorial Interchange.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
13 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
14 resolution.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
17 Transportation, to the family of Mr. Walter E. Elder III, to the family of Mr. Tom Scott, and
18 to the family of Mr. Edgar Stamey.